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The PLAN & WRITE strategy helps students plan and organize their ideas, and reminds them to refer back to the prompt to guide the writing process.

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Grades 6-12



P

Pay attention to the prompt

Read instructions carefully. Make sure you understand the task.



L

List the main ideas

Brainstorm. Use a graphic organizer to list ideas related to the topic.



A

Add supporting information

Include details, examples, and explanations to each of the main ideas.



N

Number your ideas

Order the ideas from most to least important.



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W Work from the PLAN

Use the list of ideas to develop a thesis. Reread the instructions to ensure you answer the question appropriately.



R Remember the goals

Make sure all ideas relate to the topic and all facts support the argument.



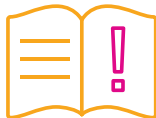
I Include transition words

Link each paragraph to the next using logical transitions.



T Try to use different sentence types

Use simple, compound, declarative, exclamatory, and question sentences.



E Exciting words

Check for varied vocabulary and use a thesaurus.